# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

*COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 14th, 1884*

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Alds. Labatt, Hunt, Cowan, Becher, Stringer, Browne, Skinner, O'Meara, Birrell, Hyman, and A. S. Abbot, Clerk.

Mr. Abbot read the following note from Mayor Meredith:

> I regret very much that I am unable to attend the last meeting of the Council in consequence of illness. I have to thank the members of the Council for the kindness and consideration extended to me as their chairman during the past year.
>
> EDMUND MEREDITH.

On motion, Ald. Boyd took the chair.

### COMMUNICATIONS.

J. H. Flock—Stating that certain land belonging to Gen. Renwick on Oxford street had been wrongfully credited with arrears of taxes. No. 1.

John R Flock and others—Objecting to payment of water sprinkling rate on Dundas street, work being improperly done. No. 1.

Chief of Police—During the past quarter 421 street lamps have been reported by the police as not lighted. Filed.

Miss E C. Christie—Asking remission of taxes on behalf of W. C. T. A. on building formerly used as a Newsboys' Home. No. 1.

Mrs. McHugh—Asking recompense for damage to goods in stall and loss of custom by leakage of condensed soot. No. 3

Jabez Harwood—Asking rebate of one-third taxes on part lot No. 36, north side Queen's avenue east. No. 1.

W. T. Edge—Calling attention of Council to his claim for $31 on account of repairs to Richmond street sewer.

A. M. Gunn and others—Re the Queen's avenue sidewalk, south side.

C. W. O'Dell—In reference to a sewer required on Queen's avenue, between Waterloo and Wellington streets.

A. Pratt, city clerk, Ottawa—A telegram stating that the Assessment Convention has been postponed from the 15th to the 29th inst. Filed.

Mrs. Ann Brown—Asking tax remission. No. 1.

M. J. Kent, London Loan Company—In reference to taxes paid prior to the time when an extension of time till April was granted. He claims a rebate, in order to be put on an equal footing with others who have not paid. No. 1.

M. E. Cadmore—In reference to taxes. No. 1.

W. Hockin—Asking corrections in assessment. No. 1.

David Carter—Appeal against assessment. No. 1.

Stoneman & Co.—Complaining of wrongful assessment. No. 1.

A. S. Abbott, returning-officer—Voted for Free Public Library bylaw, 1,711, against 1,005; majority, 706. Filed.

W. H. & C. R. Smith—Assessment appeal. No. 1.

W. H. Bartlett—Asking tax remission, owing to flood. No. 1.

### ACCOUNTS.

Deputy returning-officers' accounts—Robert Scott, $7 50; John Thorpe, $7 50; John Fleming, $8; Alex. Gunn, $24; E. Glackmeyer, $29; John Bonser, $8; O. Baynes, $12 50; Jas. Thornton, $16 25, and H. Woodward, $16 25; 28 officers, in taking vote on the Free Public Library Bylaw, $112; Wm. Williams, bill posting, $8 50; W. W. Butcher, advertising Library Bylaw, $32; Mrs. Hamilton, services in cleaning and for attendance at Colborne street school, $2. No. 1.

### THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The bylaw was introduced for the third reading, but was referred to No. 1 to report.

### TWENTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman, recommending that the following hospital accounts be paid:

| | |
|---|---|
| James Griffin, seeds | $ 3 10 |
| J T Hulse, work | 9 48 |
| R D Colgrove, geraniums and plants | 30 00 |
| Mason Dudley, hooks, nails, etc. | 2 90 |
| James Perkins, meat | 158 43 |
| A Stanton, ice | 41 60 |
| S Cooper, milk | 50 95 |
| D Fraser, repairing tools | 5 45 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Wm Hinton, furniture etc | 155 01 |
| F B Wilkinson, cab hire and postage | 6 87 |
| Plastow Bros, gas fittings and repairs | 10[illegible] 20 |
| Tytler & Bulen, groceries | 161 73 |
| C McCallum, drugs | 53 51 |
| W Y Brunton, drygoods | 40 86 |
| J Ranahan, bread | 43 50 |
| A D Cameron, coal | 131 95 |
| Thomas Churcher, soap | 39 60 |
| S Stewart, stoves | 197 91 |
| George Slade, plastering | 16 50 |
| Bell Telephone Company | 22 50 |
| J C Dodd & Sons, carpentering | [illegible]2 [illegible]7 |
| Pay sheet | 152 00 |
| Total | $1465 55 |

2. Quarterly and annual statement of expenditures ending Dec. 31; also the medical report for the same periods

3. Your committee respectfully recommend to their successors the advisability of heating the hospital with steam, as the present system has proved very expensive during the past year.

4. That the following accounts be paid:

| | |
|---|---|
| John Bon[illegible]er, market scales | $15 50 |
| Wm Scott, balance | 25 00 |
| John Su[illegible]sex, rake | 3 00 |
| J T[illegible]ner, repairs | 7 75 |
| Geo Slade, plastering | 40 00 |
| Total | $91 25 |

5. The account of H. Douglas for balance of contract, amounting to $135 for street watering, was referred to the City Solicitor and Engineer, as several property holders on Dundas street, east of Waterloo, complain that Mr. Douglas did not fulfil his contract

6. That the following Fire Department accounts be paid:

| | |
|---|---|
| H C Green, lumber | $ 30 |
| Essex, Dunn & Co | 50 |
| Bell Telephone Company | 60 00 |
| A Anderson, fire alarm box | 50 |
| Loughrey & Tackaberry, brushes | 11 25 |
| James Wright & Co, sundries | 5 96 |
| James H Tennant, horse drugs | 7 50 |
| Wonacott & Coppinger, horseshoeing | 99 73 |
| Mrs Hayes, washing | 33 00 |
| S McBride, coal oil, etc | 7 49 |
| James Percival, fodder | 25 61 |
| Fitzgerald & Scandrett, matches | 3 59 |
| A D Cameron, coal | 18 77 |
| W T Strong, drugs | 6 08 |
| E A Taylor, stationery | 1 75 |
| George McNeil, wood | 6 50 |
| Total | $290 53 |

7. Your committee beg to submit the tenth annual report of the Fire Department, and would recommend that it be sent to No. 3 Committee of the new Council, so that the several suggestions and requirements mentioned may be acted upon.

To the Chairman and Members of No. 3 Committee—

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the Tenth Annual Report of the Fire Department, containing a "resume" of the work performed, and the expenditure in connection therewith, for the year ending the Thirty-first of December, 1883.

### EXPENDITURE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Fodder Account | | $ 382 05 |
| General Expense | Account | 323 87 |
| Fire Alarm | " | 126 94 |
| Fuel and Gas | " | 423 43 |
| Capital | " | 498 75 |
| Salaries | " | 6176 79 |
| | Total | $7956 83 |

The item of Capital Account includes new telegraph poles, wire, bells and gongs, magnets, new battery, permanent repairs to buildings, playpipes, rubber buckets, new uniforms and bedding. Deducting this item from the total amount leaves the sum of $7,463.08, which is the amount of the general running expenses of the Department for the year.

### FIRES AND ALARMS.

The total number of fires and alarms of which the Department received notice, was seventy-eight (78); twenty (20) were for chimneys, and eight (8) were false alarms. We responded to fifty-nine, (59) and worked at forty-one (41). The distance travelled by the apparatus, going to and returning from these fifty-nine alarms, was seventy-seven (77) miles, and 17,650 feet of hose were laid and used.

The amount of insurance involved was $275,125, viz.: $72,000 on buildings, and $203.125 on the contents.

The losses amounted to $23,301, viz.:—$4,903 on buildings, and $18,398 on contents, being at the rate of about twelve per cent. of loss to the amount of insurance involved.

We also attended two (2) fires in London East, and two (2) in London West, travelling some ten miles, and using 1.700 feet of hose. Insurance, about $17,000; Loss, about the same.

This City, during the past year, has been remarkably free from any serious or disastrous fires, although the number of alarms has been about an average. In only three instances have the losses exceeded one thousand dollars per fire. We have special reasons for congratulating ourselves on escaping so lightly, in view of the fact that the aggregate fire losses in the United States and Canada for 1883 will be the heaviest known for many years, probably exceeding one hundred million dollars.

I am happy in being able to state that the conduct of the members of the Department has been extremely satisfactory. I have found them on all occasions prompt in responding to alarms, and efficient in the discharge of their duties.

### CHANGES IN THE DEPARTMENT, &c.

There has been two withdrawals from the Department and two appointments thereto, all of which have been duly reported and confirmed by your honorable body.

The Horses Stalls have been enlarged thereby giving the horses more room to walk around, lay down, or roll around, if they see fit, and a large amount of miscellaneous work has been done by the permanent men, without any cost to the city except for material used.

### HORSES AND APPARATUS.

The horses are all in good working order. I would recommend the sale of the black team as soon as possible, as they are altogether too light for the work they have to do. The two hose reels and their equipments are in very fair condition.

The Hook and Ladder Truck, as stated in my last report, cannot be depended on, and may break down any time on the road to a fire. In addition to its unreliability, it is altogether inadequte to the requirements of this city. I would recommend that the proceeds of the sale of the steam engine "Forest City" be applied towards the purchase of a new truck. The supply waggon is also in a very bad condition, and cannot be depended on to carry a load. A new waggon will be required this coming year.

We have 3,350 feet of hose in stock, of the following grades, viz.:—1,300 feet of first-class rubber, and 300 feet first-class cotton hose, 1,100 feet second-class rubber, and 150 feet second-class cotton hose. The remaining 600 feet is only fit for flushing sewers, etc. We will require 1,000 feet of new hose this coming year. We also need two more playpipes and nozzles, to replace the two brass pipes sold with the steam engine.

### FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

This important branch of the Fire Service, under the efficient and careful management of the electrician, has given the utmost satisfaction, and the expenses have been kept down to the lowest possible limits. A considerable portion of the line will have to be rebuilt the coming year, and higher poles erected, to keep the wires out of the trees.

Nearly all the callmen have small gongs in their houses, which have been put in at their own expense. They receive the alarm at the same time as the men in the station, and are thereby enabled to reach the scene of the fire much quicker than if they were aroused by the bell. Fifty-four alarms have been sent in from the different street boxes, and six alarms were received by telephone, during the year. The electrician makes the following requsition for supplies for 1884, viz.:—700 lbs. galvanized iron wire, 10 lbs. rubber and cotton covered wire, 500 lbs. sulphate of copper, 15 lbs. sulphuric acid and sal. ammoniac, 15 pair of prisms, 5 cells Leclanch batteries, 25 zincs, 1 Rheostat and Galvanometer, at an estimated cost of $220.

I would again most respectfully call your attention to the great inconvenience in having the bell in its present position. It should be either removed to the Fire Station or raised higher, and an automatic striker attached. As it is at present you cannot depend on having the numbers properly struck. This is a great annoyance to citizens who wish to know the exact locality of a fire when an alarm is given.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would once more strongly urge the erection of additional hydrants in the vicinity of large manufacturing establishments, and in the centres of blocks in the business portions of the city. One hydrant will cost much less than fifty feet of hose originally, and will last ten times as long. So that, apart from the saving of time effected in laying long lines of hose, there is also a great saving of money.

The heavy coats supplied to the firemen by the city some five or six years ago, are completely worn out. I would recommend that new rubber coats and boots be procured as soon as possible. These articles are supplied to their Departments by other cities, and I see no reason why this city should not do likewise.

### BUILDINGS, ETC.

The Buildings are in a tolerably good state of repair. The Stables and one-half of the Main Building have been reshingled. The other half will require shingling as soon as the weather will permit. The front wall of the Main Building has bulged out in consequence of the foundation in one corner settling I have had it braced up with bolts and plates, but I do not consider it safe. It may have to be pulled down and rebuilt.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to express my thanks both to the Committee and Council of 1883, for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended both to myself and members of the Department, and also to express the wish that the relations of the Department and the incoming Committee and Council may be equally pleasant and agreeable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. ROE,
*Chief of Dept.*

London, Ont., Jan. 9, 1884.

8. Beg to submit annual report of licenses collected and at the same time bear testimony to the efficient manner in which Inspector Bell has performed his duties as License Officer.

To the Chairman and members of No. 3 Committee;

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit the following Report for your consideration, the amount of cash received for the following licenses since 1st January, 1883:

| | |
|---|---|
| Billiards | $991 61 |
| Livery | 256 25 |
| Drays | 378 00 |
| Hacks | 125 50 |
| Temperance | 220 00 |
| Opera | 80 00 |
| Street Railway | 60 00 |
| Hawkers | 118 00 |
| Buss | 10 00 |
| Bowling Alley | 25 00 |
| Auctioneers | 190 00 |
| Circus and Shows | 140 00 |
| Intelligence | 3 00 |
| | $2597 36 |
| Increase over 1882 of | $326 56 |

W. BELL,
*Inspector.*

London, January 8th, 1884.

9. Annual report of J. M. Wilson, Market Clerk.

London, January 8th, 1884.

To the Chairman and members of No. 3 Committee:

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to submit my report as follows:

1st. Since last report I have collected and paid to the Treasurer $259.75.

2nd. Between the 1st January and the 31st of December, 1883, the amount collected for rent of Stalls for that year was $2578.79, with $220.50 arrears from 1882, making a total of $2799.27, and on the 31st of December, 1883, there was arrears to the amount of $222.75.

3rd. All of the Stalls in the Market Bazaar and the basement of Covent Garden Market are rented, one Stall in the Fish Market and four in Covent Garden Market are empty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. WILSON,
*Market Clerk.*

General Hospital, Jan. 9th, 1884.

To the Chairman and members of No. 3 Committee—

Gentlemen,—I beg to present my reports, Medical and Financial, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1883, also for the year (1883) eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

Yours respectfully,
F. B. WILKINSON,
*Superintendent*

### MEDICAL STATEMENT

For the quarter ending December 31st, 1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remaining in Hospital October 1st | 42 |
| " " December 31st | 48 |
| Admissions: | |
| Medical | 51 |
| Surgical | 24 |
| Confinements | 3 |
| Births | 6 |
| | 84 |
| Discharges: | |
| Cured | 50 |
| Improved | 21 |
| Died | 5 |
| | 76 |
| Outpatients | 37 |

VISITING PHYSICIANS.

| | Dr. Niven. | Dr. Arnott. | Dr. Wishart. |
|---|---|---|---|
| October | 9 | 17 | 20 |
| November | 10 | 18 | 19 |
| December | 9 | 17 | 17 |
| | 28 | 52 | 56 |

## MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31st, 1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remaining in Hospital January 1st, 1883 | 50 |
| " " December 31st, 1883 | 48 |
| Admissions: | |
| Medical | 203 |
| Surgical | 139 |
| Confinements | 34 |
| Births | 39 |
| | 415 |
| Discharges: | |
| Cured | 254 |
| Improved | 141 |
| Died | 22 |
| | 417 |
| Out Patients | 92 |
| Total number of days | 17496 |
| Average stay of each patient | 42¼ days |
| Average cost per day | 62 cents |

## DETAILED STATEMENT

Of Expenditures of the London General Hospital for the quarter ending December 31st, 1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| Butchers' Meat | $423 95 |
| Butter | 121 95 |
| Flour, Bread and Meal | 140 94 |
| Milk | 154 80 |
| Tea and Coffee | 10 20 |
| Potatoes and other vegetables | 72 80 |
| Groceries and Provisions not enumerated | 167 52 |
| Drugs and Medicines | 179 31 |
| Beer, Wines and Spirits | 27 15 |
| Bedding, Napiery and General House Furnishings | 841 70 |
| Brooms, Brushes, Mops, Soap and Cleaning Appliances | 56 20 |
| Fuel | 348 18 |
| Light, Gas, Oil and Candles | 146 00 |
| Ice Supply | 41 60 |
| Salaries and Wages | 600 25 |
| Coffins and Funerals | 5 50 |
| Contingencies | 84 30 |
| Repairs Ordinary | 132 02 |
| Extraordinary Repairs, Alterations and Additions to Buildings | 969 02 |
| | $4523 39 |
| Cash receipts for paying patients | $455 88 |

## DETAILED STATEMENT

Of Expenditures of the London General Hospital for the year 1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| Butchers' Meat | $1675 47 |
| Butter | 470 49 |
| Flour, Bread and Meal | 508 03 |
| Milk | 584 38 |
| Tea and Coffee | 197 39 |
| Potatoes and other vegetables | 214 98 |
| Groceries and Provisions not enumerated | 785 55 |
| Drugs and Medicines | 761 46 |
| Beer, Wines and Spirits | 142 80 |
| Bedding, Napiery and General House Furnishings | 1316 67 |
| Brooms, Brushes, Mops, Soap and Cleaning Appliances | 158 55 |
| Fuel | 619 17 |
| Light, Gas, Oil and Candles | 462 15 |
| Hay and Straw | 40 77 |
| Clothing for patients including Boots and Shoes | 8 20 |
| Ice Supply | 41 60 |
| Salaries and Wages | 2209 50 |
| Coffins and Funerals | 235 87 |
| Contingencies | 211 63 |
| Repairs ordinary | 351 64 |
| Extraordinary Repairs, Alterations and Additions to Buildings | 5512 91 |
| | $16509 21 |

Report taken up clause by clause, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th passed and 5th read.

The Engineer stated the work had not been properly done and a deduction from the account should be made.

Mr. Douglas said the cause of this trouble was that the Engineer was down on him, and had been all summer. He said he could get nothing but abuse from the Engineer all summer, and he (the Engineer) had helped to get up the petition against him.

The Engineer denied the allegation emphatically.

Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the account be paid in full.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the account be referred to No 3 Committee.

Ald. Hunt stated that he had received a letter from the City Solicitor, in which he said that accounts to be passed must have the Engineer's certificate but that Mr. Douglas might appeal to the Council.

Ald. Becher's motion was lost on the casting vote of the chair.

Ald. O'Meara then moved as follows, seconded by Ald. Browne:

> That Mr. Douglas be paid the balance of his contract less such amounts as may be due for breakages of hydrants and other charges from Water Commissioners' Office.

Ald Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Stringer and carried:

> That the amounts allowed for rebate of water rate for 1883 be also deducted from said contract price.

The understanding was that this resolution was in effect a rider to Ald. O'Meara's motion.

Clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9 passed.

### THE TIME BALL ACCOUNT.

After explanations by Mr. E. B. Reed and a long discussion, the time-ball account of $74 was passed.

### REPORT OF NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman:

1. Passage of pay rolls and accounts to the amount of $2,'45 02.
2. That petition of A. M. Gunn be referred to the Council for adjustment, your committee having no power to deal with it.
3. That the petition of Mrs. O'Dell and others for a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Wellington and Waterloo streets, be granted, and that tenders be called for the same, Council to charge a rental for its use
4. Recommend that Mr. Edge be refunded $16 for repairs done on Richmond street sewer.
5. That $60 be paid Moses Cox for extra work done on the Ridout street sewer.
6. That the account of Isaac Crouse for stonework at abutments of Victoria Bridge be referred to the joint committee on bridges.
7. Report caretaker of exhibition grounds and buildings.
8. Your committee recommend that the salary of

the Exhibition Grounds caretaker be increased $50 per annum.

9. That owing to a mistake in the measurement taken by the contractor, Mr. Cathro, of the roof of the City Hall, your Board would recommend that he be allowed an additional allowance of $130.

In conclusion, your Board has pleasure in informing you that the within report includes all accounts chargeable to 1883 as far as we are aware, except balances on sewers not completed. It is unnecessary for us to recommend any particular line of action in the future, only that the improvements inaugurated by your Board in 1883 be carried out as regards our streets and sidewalks.

Taken up clause by clause, First passed and second read.

The petition of A. M. Gunn and others for the $150 rebate was read.

Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Browne seconded, that the petition be filed. Carried.

Clause 3 read. Ald. Hyman and Ald. O'Meara—Motion that the clause be struck out. Carried.

Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 passed, and 8 read.

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Hyman, that the clause be so amended as to make it a recommendation to the Council of 1884. Carried.

Clause 9 read and passed.

Ald. Hyman being unwell, the following report was read by Ald. Becher.

### TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

1. Payment of the following accounts:

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|---|---|
| Printing and advertising | $ 272 07 |
| Hospital for December | 1,465 05 |
| Relief for December | 403 28 |
| Advertising in Catholic Record | 9 60 |
| Fire Department, pay sheet | 869 17 |
| December accounts | 290 53 |
| Official salaries | 3,165 90 |
| W. R. Meredith, law expenses | 1,145 55 |
| Total | $7,620 75 |

2. That the petition of Widow Hayes for tax remission be granted.

3. That the petition of Honora Kennedy for remission of taxes for 1883 be filed.

4. That the petition of Amos Weston, claiming error in sewer rate charged, be granted, by allowing $2 88, the amount of error.

5. That the petition of Geo. Brown, for allowance on taxes for 1883, be filed.

6. That the petition of Mrs. O'Brien to allow taxes of 1883 and arrears of taxes to be charged against the land, be not granted, but that three months be allowed to pay said taxes.

7. That the petitions of John Skinner, B. Crosby, Mary and C. A. Stone and James Bell for remission of income tax be filed, your committee having no jurisdiction.

8. Your committee beg to report progress in the petitions of John Williams, H. E. Nelles, Finlay McNeill, Southam & Brierly and Jessie McEwen.

9. That the petition and claim of E. H. Gustin, errors in personal property tax, be filed, your committee having no power.

10. Your committee beg to recommend in answer to the circular of P. H. Chabot, chairman Assessment Committee, Ottawa, that your honorable body send two delegates to meet representatives from other municipalities to discuss proposed amendments to the present Assessment Act, and that Ald. Moore and Ald. Skinner be appointed to attend the convention in Toronto on the 15th inst.

11. Re the communication of Gen. Renwick complaining of parties occupying his property, south of Trafalgar street, being improperly assessed; that the attention of the assessors for the year 1884 be called to the same, and the necessary corrections made by them.

12. That the City Solicitor be instructed to make application to the Legislature, at its next session, for an act to authorize the city of London to invest its Sinking Fund in the purchase of debentures other than those for which the said Sinking Fund was raised or may be raised.

13. Police Court Clerk's report for December.

14. Your committee, in presenting their last report for 1883, beg to refer to some of the matters brought before them during the year, and to show the attendance of the members for the year. There have been 26 meetings called, at two only of which there was no quorum present, and one of the meetings had two sessions. Mayor Meredith was present 13 times, absent 14; Ald. Hyman present 25, absent 2; Ald. Labatt present 23, absent 4; Ald. Skinner present 22, absent 5; Ald. Becher present 20, absent 7.

15. Your committee have taken into careful consideration the Sinking Funds of the city and before going out of office have caused to be deposited in the Savings Bank Branch, Canadian Bank of Commerce, the several amounts raised for the Sinking Fund of 1883, as follows: Sinking Fund "A," against debentures of Consolidated Act of 1872, $10,839 82; Sinking Fund "B," debentures L., H. & B. R. bonus, $5,250; Sinking Fund "C," waterworks debentures, $6,825; Sinking Fund "D," last debenture issue ($175,000) $1,317 01; total, 24,231 83.

16. Your committee have examined the receipts and expenditures of the year, and after taking into consideration the probable outstandings, have every confidence in reporting that the total will be within the estimates of the year. The item of receipts, however, estimated to be received from the Guarantee Company, amounting to $8,716 78, has been disputed, and the claim of the city has been placed in the hands of your solicitor to collect.

17. Your committee recommend that in future all accounts be referred to No. 1 Committee before payment, and that said committee include in their report to the Council the accounts from the different committees.

18. Your committee have much pleasure in testifying to the efficient manner in which the officers of the corporation under the control of your committee have performed the services required of them during the year.

Taken up clause by clause; 1, 2, 3 and 4 passed and 5 read.

Ald. Skinner moved in amendment that half the taxes be remitted. Ald. Stringer seconded. Carried.

Clauses 6, 7, 8 and 9 passed and 10 referred back to committee.

Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 passed and 17 read.

Ald. Cowan moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that the clause be struck out. Lost, and clause passed. Last clause passed.

### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Ald. Hyman stated that an inaccuracy appeared in the published reports of the last meeting of No. 1 in reference to the getting of advice from the City Solicitor. What was said was that no servant or employee of the corporation should go for advice from the solicitor without the sanction of the chairman of the committee interested.

### TAX PAYMENT.

Ald. Becher pointed out that if the proposed extension of time for payment of taxes was to take effect a regular bylaw would have to be passed.

### BOARD OF HEALTH.

By Ald. Cowan, chairman :

Your committee beg leave to submit their final report for 1883. Nine meetings have been held during the year, at two of which there was not a quorum. Health Inspector Bell, in addition to his duties as relief officer and license inspector, devoted a large portion of his time in thoroughly inspecting premises and having nuisances removed, and at the time of the July flood averting what at one time was thought might possibly be a double calamity. With the exception of a few cases of malarial and typhoid fever, caused by using impure well water, the health of the citizens is generally good. There have been no cases of smallpox or other epidemic disease. The smallpox hospital has been under the care of a competent steward, kept neat and clean and ready for any emergency. In the month of November the Provincial Board of Health held its annual convention in the city. Quite a number of very interesting addresses on sanitary matters were delivered and ably discussed by medical and other scientific gentlemen, and if the sanitary convention has done no more good than creating a greater interest in sanitary affairs it will not have met in vain. The amount of funds placed in the estimates for current expenses was $500; only $142 96 were expended, leaving an unexpended surplus of $357 04 in the treasury.

Report adopted.

### GRANTING THE HALL.

The City Hall was granted for the annual meeting of the City Horticultural Society on Wednesday night.

### OLD CUSTOMS DYING OUT.

The meeting then adjourned without passing the old-time eleventh hour resolutions of thanks and regret, and on Monday next at 11 a.m. the Council of 1884 will be organized.